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In re Patent Application of:  
Errico et al.

Application No.: 10/642,526

Filed: August 15, 2003

For: CIRCUMFERENTIALLY BURIED WIRED  
MESH ENDPLATE ATTACHMENT DEVICE  
FOR USE WITH AN ORTHOPEDIC  
DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 1, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for a one-month extension of the shortened statutory time period for response to said Official Action up to and including December 1, 2005, is transmitted herewith.



# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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August 15, 2003

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Applicant(s): Joseph P. Errico, Michael W. Dudasik, and Rafail Zubok

Invention: CIRCUMFERENTIALLY BURIED WIRED MESH ENDPLATE ATTACHMENT DEVICE FOR USE WITH AN ORTHOPEDIC DEVICE

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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